- A composition according to Claim 17, wherein said divalent salt is made of earth alkaline metal salts selected from magnesium, calcium and mixtures thereof.
- 19. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said divalent salt is selected from magnesium sulphate, magnesium bicarbonate, magnesium chloride, magnesium borate, magnesium citrate, and mixtures thereof.
- A composition according to Claim 19, wherein said divalent salt is selected from magnesium sulphate, 20. magnesium chloride and mixtures thereof
- A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said divalent salt is present in an amount of from 0.01% 21. to 90% by weight of the composition.
- A composition according to Claim 21, wherein said divalent salt is present in an amount of from 0.5% 22: to 90% by weight of the corposition.
- A composition according to Claim 22, wherein said divalent salt is present in an amount of from 1% to 20% by weight of the composition.

A composition according to Claim 23, wherein said divalent salt is present in an amount of from 3% to 10% by weight of the composition.

- A method for preventing or reducing the colour fading of fabrics which comprises the steps of contacting 25. the fabric with a divalent salt or composition as defined in Claim 1.
- 26. A method according to Claim 25, wherein said method is performed in a domestic process.
- A method according to Claim 26, wherein said method is performed in a rinse process. 27.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, inter alia, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

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